

Writing from Brownwood, J. E. Stockton, say: "Send the Messenger; can't be without that good publication."

"The hail storm Monday night cleaned up completely in a section on my route, and the stones remained on the ground a day after the fall," said L. N. Nichols, Mail Carrier.

When a Messenger representative exhibited a mah-jong set to the local laundryman, he smiled one of those J. Miller's child-like and bland smiles, and remarked: "Ahhell, never saw it; don't get you."

"That was a bad looking cloud that hung in the northwest Monday night" remarked Uncle John Massey Tuesday afternoon, "and had it been coming out of the southwest I would have been seeking a storm cellar. I understand that quite a number of our citizens went under ground Monday night."

"We need a direct macadamized road from Decatur to Chico," stated Editor Alex Whitehead of Chico, in town Monday. "Our party today came down the road to Bridgeport and on here, but we are going back over the north highway; just to see how much shorter this route is than the Chico-Bridgeport-Decatur. We need good, substantial roads in all sections of the county, and when we get them, watch Wise county grow."

"It's good to see Jack Hayter on our streets," remarked an old Decatur citizen during Mr. Hayter's visit here from Waco. "Hayter, while holding citizenship in Decatur was one of the liveliest and most progressive men in community. He will be remembered as a mover on all occasions, and no man in the town had the biggest interests of the community more at heart than Jack Hayter. Our town was a heavy loser when he pulled up stakes and moved to Waco."

One of the gentlemen who have been selected to go to the Waco state convention, in conversation with a Messenger reporter says: "I understand that an effort will be made by the friends and supporters of Governor Neff to have that gentleman placed on the Texas delegation to the New York convention. You can put me down as opposed to this movement, and I believe the Wise county delegation to Waco takes the same view of the matter. The governor made a stiff fight against the man who has been selected by the democrats of Texas, and it will be remembered that he said some very, very unkind things about McAdoo; questioned the man's right to aspire to presidential honors, and made veiled insinuations about his honesty. In my opinion, I do not believe that the governor wants to go to New York in company with men like Tom Love, Cato Sells, Marshall Hix and others of their brand of democracy. It appears to me that it would be a little embarrassing for Pat Neff to make the trip with such passengers."

"Before I moved to Decatur from my former home in a town of the county," said a well known Decatur citizen Wednesday. "I held to the conclusion that if I should send a child of mine to Decatur College, efforts would be made by that school to inculcate my child with the Baptist faith. Myself and family are members of a different denomination and we wanted our children to grow up thinking as we do in doctrinal matters. After I moved to Decatur, however, and learned that the great school stands first of all for the moulding of strong, noble characters, without regard to individual and particular church beliefs, my fears faded away and it is now my intention to enter my oldest girl in D. B. C. next fall." This is example of the truth that is coming to be known and understood about Decatur College, and as mis-conception gives way to knowledge of fact, the people of this community, regardless of religious alignment, stand up and support this fine institution that is erected in our midst. Let us conceive what is truth about Decatur College; that is indeed a truly outstanding institution; that it bequeaths to public life strongly fortified men and women as graduates; that it adds a distinction of immeasurable value to the life of the county and community, and having conceived this, let us do our utmost to make the school expand and grow as time goes on. Season for getting new students for next term has now arrived. What Decatur folks do in the next few weeks may make a vast difference in the success or failure of the school for next year. If any citizen knows of any boy or girl that may by individual effort be brought to favor the college, let that citizen improve on the opportunity now.

FARMERS' LEADER TALKS HERE

Decatur College Given Big Boost in the West

OFFICERS STOP PETTING PARTY

FITZWATER MAKES SPLENDID SPEECH

Good Audience Greeted Speaker Wednesday at Court House

Hon. W. W. Fitzwater of Bonham, national president of the Farm Labor Union of America, spoke to a large crowd here Wednesday afternoon. The county court-room could not accommodate the crowd so the speaking was held on the courthouse lawn. Mr. Fitzwater was introduced by Congressman Guinn Williams, who is visiting a few days with the home people. Mr. Williams stated that he was glad to be present, to meet the his home people, and that it was a pleasure to introduce a man who was a real farmer, and one he personally knew to be a worker in the ranks for the farming interest of the country. The congressman stated that he had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Fitzwater in Washington, while that gentleman was in the capitol city in the interest of the great organization he has the honor of heading.

When Mr. Fitzwater acknowledged the introduction he was greeted by a cheer from the crowd. The speaker stated it was a pleasure to appear before a crowd of Wise county farmers, and that the number present was convincing evidence that the tillers of the soil were interested in the movement on foot to better their condition. "I am a real farmer," said Mr. Fitzwater, "a sure 'nuff farmer; one who understands farming; one who has been ragged and hungry; one who has been in debt, and had the sorrows and trials of the farmer." He said he owned a farm in Fannin county, and was proud to be a farmer. Then the speaker with enthusiasm plunged into a discussion of the "intent and purposes" of the Farm Labor Union. He said all other lines of business were organized, and that organization and co-operation was necessary to success, but when the farmers, the producers of the country, talked about getting together for protection, a howl went up from the ones who were getting fat off the labor and toil of the producers. He told about the failures of farmers' organizations that had come and gone and stated that the farmers' alliance was wrecked by politicians and men who were not farmers; the others went the same route for the lack of business ability on the part of the leaders and the failure of its members to stand together. "But," said Mr. Fitzwater, "the Farm Labor Union is different; it is an organization of real farmers, and no man in the world can get into it unless he labors on the farm."

Mr. Fitzwater paid his respects to the grafters and higher-ups, who wax fat and sleek on the efforts of the farmers, and his blistering denunciation of the gamblers on the New York cotton exchange, brought a round of applause from the crowd. Taking a Bible from the table, and holding it in his hand so the people could see, the speaker said: "I am going to preach a little sermon and I take my text from Proverbs, 22nd chapter, verses 7 and 16." "The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender" and "he that oppresseth the poor to increase his

HOME-COMING FOR WOMACK FAMILIES

Last Sunday being Mother's Day and a mother's birthday, all of the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Womack surprised them by coming to the old home place. Everyone brought well filled baskets and they spread dinner out on the lawn picnic style. There were four generations of the Womack family present.

A large cake, with sixty candles, was made for Mrs. Womack. She was over-joyed all day over the happy coming together of her children. A cake with forty-seven candles for her son-in-law, Bart Miller, was also made for the occasion. Not one of the family was absent, for the first time in many years.

There were twelve children, seven sons-in-law, four daughters-in-law, twenty grand-children, three great grand-children, and eleven visitors at the poyous event.

In the afternoon, J. U. Thompson, Decatur's photographer, came from Decatur and made a family group in the old home yard. All returned to their homes with joyful hearts after the day was so happily spent.

riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want." The wealthy class were in the saddle until the farmers began to organize, the speaker said, and they were ruling with an iron hand, but with co-operation on the part of the producers of the country this condition is being changed, and the time is not far distant when those who are oppressing the poor will get their just deserts and brought to a reckoning. Mr. Fitzwater's illustrations and logic from his texts were interesting and the crowd appreciated the humorous remarks. Speaking of the world war, he said a remedy for wars has been presented and there will be no more wars if it is applied. "When they draft our boys to go to Europe to fight, let the government draft the rich man's money along with them, and you will never hear another hostile gun fired in this world." It was a rich man's war and the poor man's fight, he said. Twenty-three thousand millionaires were made by the last war. President Coolidge was charged with being an emissary of the high-brows and money-grabbers on Wall street, and Mr. Fitzwater told of visiting New York last fall and watching the operations on the cotton exchange. "Why, there are men in that outfit cleaning up on your cotton crops who don't know a cotton stalk from a jimson weed," the speaker exclaimed.

Mr. Fitzwater admonished farmers to stand together and present a solid front to the speculators; and by organization and co-operation the producer and the consumer could come together and be mutually benefited. When the speaker closed a large number in the crowd went up and shook hands with him. A number of ladies were in the crowd.

GREETINGS GIVEN COLLEGE SCOUTS

Ravaging Decatur Band Invades Number of Western Cities

By P. M. Curry.

It is impossible to relate many of the most intimate and interesting of the incidents which occurred along the war-path as the Red Men went out toward the west. This is manifestly true, because the story is written by a civilized man, and the Indians were not accompanied by any such. But by hurrying, keeping to the highway, and "stepping on the gas," the reporter was able to intercept their "path" at points where some of their most Indian-like deeds were committed. Refuse, skeletons and remains clearly revealed what had happened at other places.

It has been many moons since the Decatur tribe sent out such a deadly band. Their paint was never redder, their feathers never more "strutty," and their chief, "Big Penn," never more war-like. The whole band was well armed; they had many war clubs and a liberal supply of missiles, strange round balls with horse-hide covers tightly bound about them. These latter they hurled at their opponents with deadly effect. Their effectiveness, however, consisted in the superstitious terror which they were able to inspire in the enemy, whom they never really tried to hit. These missiles appeared to have been invisible, since the enemy at whom they were hurled tried often to stop one to examine it and see what it was like, but this was in vain. After a brief spell of resistance to this weird attack, the enemy would break rank and leave the field with the Indians whooping at their heels, especially Big Penn. He seemed to enjoy seeing them run. The roars of Big Penn and the "yippling" of Papoose Foy made a noise hard to endure.

Sometimes when the battle was just about over, the chief would send in Papoose Foy and Papoose Sam to tantalize the flagging foe; and, he it said to their credit, the little savages seemed thoroly to enjoy it. They would come out licking their chops immensely.

The western tribes of Paducah and Crowell were met on two consecutive days each, and ingloriously "whim-

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WISH TO PURCHASE LIGHT PLANT HERE

The Texas Power & Light Company with headquarters in Dallas, which is now supplying some of the best and most thriving towns in Texas with electricity, has made a proposition to the city council of Decatur, to purchase and operate the electric plant in this city. It is said that the company guarantees a lower rate to the consumers, and an improved service will be given.

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday night, the proposition of the company was discussed and the members of the body voted to offer the local plant for sale for \$15,000. In view of the fact that this property, when taken over by Mr. Dodson, six years ago, was valued at only \$9,000, and with eighteen years to run before the city can lay claim to the property, it is believed that the Texas Power & Light Company will decline the offer, state representatives of the company.

Since Mr. Dodson has been in charge of the plant, the service has improved wonderfully, and today there are few towns in the state boasting better service.

It is the opinion of Decatur citizens generally that some trade with the big concern should be made, as it has been shown that a majority of the towns served by the Texas Power & Light Company have taken on new industrial life since the high power system was installed. The cheap rate given by the company attracts the building of factories and other plants that give to these towns healthy pay-rolls.

BAPTIST CHURCH

We had an unusually delightful Mother's Day service on last Sunday. There was a large congregation present, and an interesting program. Herman Jones and Mary Neal Freeman gave beautiful and appropriate readings, and the solo by Mr. Willard Jones was very much enjoyed.

At night the house was crowded for the baccalaureate exercises of the high school.

The pastor will preach next Sunday at eleven a. m. and seven forty-five p. m. We are rallying all our forces to take the places of the college students who leave us about the first of June. We hope for a full attendance at all the services next Sunday.—R. E. Bell, Pastor.

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES

Following is program of graduating exercises, to be held at the Decatur high school on this Friday evening, May 16th, 1924, beginning at eight o'clock:

Invocation—Rev. C. L. Bounds.
Salutatory—Ada Askey.
Class History—Ruth Ramsey.
Piano Solo—Jessie Lee Ramsey.
Class Poem—Ida Pearl Gill.
Class Prophecy—Edney May Boyd.
Reading—Jewel Ray Fox.
Class Will—Judson Petty.
Duet—Ora Mae Bruton and Alta Mae Hilton.
Valedictory—Kathrine Wilson.
Address to Graduates—Dr. H. E. Stout.
Presentation of Diplomas—Honorable T. J. McMurray.
Benediction—Rev. W. Harrison Baker.
The class roll in literary department: Embury Hoyl, Ada Askey, Ruth Reeves, Ida Pearl Gill, Edney May Boyd, Jewel Ray Fox, Judson Petty, Kathrine Wilson, Jane Hoyle, Gertie Petty, Naomi Mann, Pearl Rowan, Austin Jones, Vera Walker, Viola Fowler, Bernice Maldens and Bernice Kerr; expression department: Jewel Ray Fox and R. L. Hunt Jr.

ROUNDERS WITH GAY GIRLS FINED

Residents of the Rhome Country Co-operate With Officials

Deputy Sheriffs George Gage and Omar Cartwright were called into the section east of Rhome Sunday night to look after the conduct of two men and two women, who it was reported were staging petting parties along the road. The officers responded to the call and within a short time after their arrival in the community, they arrested two young men and a couple of women. They were brought to Decatur, and in county court the quartet paid fines on charges of adultery.

A number of empty bottles, which had contained liquor of the squirrel variety, were found on the premises and a wild night was in the making by the men and women. It is reported that the information furnished the officers came from a former husband of one of the women.

For several years that section of the county has been infested with undesirables, and the good citizens of Rhome and community have diligently co-operated with the officers in bringing the law violators into court. Since Sheriff Workman took over the duties of the office, he and his force have brought about marked improvement in conditions, and it is the officers' intention to break up the disgraceful affairs that occur in that section. A number of arrests and convictions have been made of boot-leggers and several well equipped whiskey making apparatuses have been taken in that community. It was in this section that the house of W. H. Mies was destroyed, in which an old man lost his life. Anver Dean was arrested and convicted for the crime. Later, raids were made by Sheriff Workman and deputies which resulted in the arrest of several men on charges of making and selling whiskey.

JOINT FARM CLUB JUDGING CONTEST

County Agent W. M. Love will confer with the county agent of Cooke county regarding a joint all-day meeting and judging contest, to be held on the Ambrose Fortenberry farm over north of Greenwood on Friday, May 30th. The farm club boys of both counties will vie with each other in this contest. Meeting is to be staged in a region and on a farm where many specimens of good live-stock of different varieties are at their disposal for judging and comment.

Another meeting of this kind is that to be held on the farm of Frank Kelly near Paradise early in June. It is thus shown that a concern for better live-stock is being demonstrated in many parts of the county. Particularly the western part of the county should wake up on the subject since that section is a little behind in enthusiasm.

The normal loss of sugar cane in Louisiana, caused by the sugar cane moth borer, is estimated at 570 pounds of sugar per acre.



COLLEGE NEWS

Clifton Parrish visited his parents in Alvord.

Miss Frances Jennings was in Chico for a few days.

Miss Nannie Hart visited in Cleburne last week-end.

Ted Spain visited homefolks in Venus last week-end.

Miss Eula Mae Renshaw spent the week-end in Fort Worth.

Sion Holly spent the week-end at his home in Weatherford.

All of the D. B. C. students were glad for the return of "Pete."

Miss Mary D. Doherty spent the week-end with Mrs. Hasley of Petrolia.

Miss Maudeen Spain and Ted Spain spent this week-end with their parents in Venus.

Members of the Sophie society entertained the Palladians with theater party Friday night.

Curtis Yant and Aubrey Davis were seen on the streets of Denton last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Maurine Gill was a guest of Mrs. C. H. Coffman in Rio Vista last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Grace Jo Welch of Moody and Miss Loretta McGhee of Rhomoe spent the week-end at Rhomoe.

Professor J. L. Read was called away Thursday on account of the serious illness of his mother.

The annual is in the hands of the printers now, and the students are expecting to get their books soon.

Term themes are the order of the day, and almost every student is quite busy in an effort to get them in on time.

Members of the athletic teams of the college will be "chaperoned" by Mr. Curry on a fishing trip to Lake Worth Friday.

Misses Winnie Mae, Nannie, Sallie and Lucile Hart were the guests of Misses Jamie Ruth and Mary McCarter last Sunday.

The members of the Erosophian society defeated members of the Philomathian society in a baseball game Monday evening.

Brother Ward, Oswald Scott and Miss Lizzie Mae Turner attended the cemetery working at Deep Creek near Boyd on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Curry were in charge of the dormitory during the absence first of last week of President and Mrs. Ward.

Professor Curry and Ewing Tally followed the baseball boys on an advertising campaign in the northwest part of the state last week.

A contest for those who bring new students next year has been formulated. A prize of fifty dollars will be given to the student who brings the most new students to the college.

Misses Nellen Newton, Irma Welch, Beth Doherty, Mrs. P. M. Curry and Messrs. Arthur Washburn and J. B. Swindoll went to Allison Sunday They rendered a program at that place.

President and Mrs. J. L. Ward, accompanied by H. Bentley Glass and J. C. Smyth, who participated in the junior college tennis tournament at Waco last week, were in that city for a few days.

Some of the college students and young people of the town are to give the play "Out of Court" next Monday night, May 19th, at the college chapel. Everyone be sure to see it as it will be one of the best plays of the entire year. Admission fees will be twenty-five and thirty-five cents.

There has been quite a bit of advertising done for the college during the last week. A very unique method has been tried for the gaining of interest in the institution. A balloon is sent up with D. B. C. stickers on it, and a note is attached to the end telling where to write for information that may be desired.

The Philos and Athenaeums of D. B. C. observed Friday, May 9th, as Philo Day, everyone being given pink and blue ribbons at the door of the chapel to wear thru the day. The chapel exercises were under auspices of the Philo-Athenaeum societies and an amusing morning was afforded all students by the mimicry of the members of the faculty. Those taking part and the teachers they impersonated are: Bentley Glass, Dr. J. L. Ward; Bill King, Professor P. M. Curry; Cantrell Hayes, Professor P. O. Dickson; Foarg Doyle, Professor J. Clyde Newton; Russell Lyles, Professor H. P. Black; Gene Ball, Professor H. T. Tinsley; Mary F. Bennett, Miss Preston. At six-thirty o'clock members of the societies and the teachers went to the lake for a moonlight picnic, which proved the perfect end for a perfect day.

VALLEY VIEW NEWS

The Valley View school had a nice play, and it was taken to Rhomoe and Greenwood.

School closed last Friday with Mr. Reuben Moore and Miss Theo Davis as teachers. A very successful school was taught and we wish them back for our next term.

We have a large attendance at Sunday school last Sunday. We have a splendid singing every Sunday night. We wish to thank the good singers of Decatur, Shiloh, Lone Star and Thomas for coming and helping us in our singing.

Come out and hear Major Simpson in courthouse Monday night.

TO MAKE RUN FOR REPRESENTATIVE

To Voters of Wise County: Since the political conference of the Farm Labor Union of Wise county endorsed me, and as I am a member of same, I, J. B. Pruett, do hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of local representative, Wise county.

I wish to state in the beginning that it will be impossible for me to make a complete house-to-house canvass. I wish to state further to those who do not know me, that it is not sympathy that I am after; it is votes, and if after you have investigated my ability and character, you find me capable of representing you, then your vote and influence will certainly be appreciated.

I was born in Cooke county, near Leo, in 1886. My parents moved to Denton county, one mile east of Slidell in 1893. I, having granulated eye-lids, was not able to go to school much. In March, 1901, I lost my sight and I entered the institution for the blind at Austin, Texas, the following summer. I went to school there nine months out of each year until June, 1907. My first year I received the gold medal for general excellence given by Governor Sayers. I was for two years president of the Young Men's Christian Association. I was also president of the debating society two years.

My parents moved to the little town of Slidell in 1906, where they both now live.

In 1908 I went to Portales, New Mexico, and stayed five years. While here I made brooms and mattresses during the week in town, and on Saturday evening I would go to my home-stead, six miles away, and remain until Monday morning. Many times I made this trip afoot. I know the bark of a prairie dog and the howl of the coyote.

I returned in 1913 to my home town and became telephone operator at Slidell for several years. I am now engaged in raising broom corn and manufacturing mattresses and brooms.

It has been said that I knew my wife before I lost my sight, but that is a mistake. In 1915 I was married to Miss Levenia Fellers of Leo, Cooke county, Texas. She was at that time a student of the Decatur Baptist College.

It has been said that I could partially tell colors by feeling. That is absurd and impossible, for mental philosophy will tell you that the thing that distinguishes color is in the eye and not in the object.

As for being an over-seas boy, I was in the registration age, and by some means in filling out my papers the registrar failed to mention the fact that I was blind, and I was called out and had to go to Denton and be examined. Had it not been for my eye-sight I would have gone over the top with the other boys.

If I am elected, I promise that every vote I cast will be in favor of the masses and not the favored few for I am a strong believer in equal rights to all and special privileges to none.—J. B. Pruett.

"The Gumps" are at the Majestic tonight. This a splendid drama of Sid Smith's famous cartoon.

The Decatur Motor Company has generously agreed to provide a truck for the transportation of the Wise county farm club members to the A. & M. college course at the end of July. Miss Caroline Chambers will also send a good delegation of the prize-winning girls of the county and probably a representative from each of the girls' and women's clubs of the county. The value of these trips to Wise county boys and girls is inestimable and it is to be hoped a big group of the farm boys and girls from Wise county will be on hand.

WOOL GROWERS
POOL AND SELL

Yesterday was a red letter day in the history of the Wise County Wool Growers' association and the splendid turn-out demonstrated that this organization, tho in its infancy, is one of the big, thriving industries of the county, which argues well for the farmers of Wise county.

Thirteen thousand eight hundred pounds of wool was old by the association's members. The price paid was thirty-nine and one-half cents per pound; bought by J. A. Womble of Fort Worth. There were six out-of-town buyers on the market. Another saleslady will be designated by the association, at which time another big clip will be offered.

"OUT OF COURT" AT
D. B. C. ON MONDAY

"Out of Court," a play which will consume two hours in putting it on, will be presented at the Decatur Baptist College auditorium next Monday evening, May 19th, at eight-fifteen o'clock.

Those taking part in the play are as follows: Benjamin Cappell, a rich man, Calvin Tyson; Evelyn Capell, his daughter, eZnobla McFarlin; Gilbert Capell, his son, R. O. Burt Jr.; Mrs. Gardnor, Evelyn's aunt, Frances Melugin; Theda Travis, a member of the set, Esta Ruth Doneho; Julia Grayston also belongs, Margaret Bell; Percy Alban, Evelyn's suitor, Everett Burton; Adelle Alban, Percy's sister, Margaret Bell; Dr. Johns, physician and friend, Ewing Talley; Miss Ramsey, a special nurse, Ella Marie Griffith; Captain Sloan, a traffic officer, P. M. Curry; David Bourne, the man who, Bentley Glass; Mrs. Bourne, his good mother, Jewel Tyson; Remus, an old negro servant, J. C. Smyth; Mammy, loves her child, Elizabeth Gibson; boy, with a dog to sell, Francis Jones.

This is a story of speed and speeding, of love and loving, of law and "lawing." A brood of the more despicable human traits swarm out and appear to be triumphing, but—an old engagement ring almost stops the show. A true plot and a thrilling episode unfold before you very eyes. A real little drama. There will be special musical numbers to fill in between the acts. Mrs. J. C. Woods will read in negro dialect.

ROBERT'S ATTENDS OFFICERS' SCHOOL

Lieutenant Gordon Roberts of the local company artillery, thirty-sixth division, last week attended a six day officers' school at Camp Mabry, in Austin.

This was the largest gathering of officers seen in a long time. The idea of the camp was to prepare the officers for work to be done at the several summer encampments. It was the only time of the year representatives of all different branches of the service have met in a common camp. The infantry, artillery, signal corps and engineers will have separate camps later in the year.

The officers were royally entertained by the people of Austin during their stay in the capital city. Among the prominent speakers of the school were: Governor Patt Neff, Adjutant General Barton and Major General John A. Hulen of Houston.

Speaking in courthouse Monday night.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, Texas:

You are hereby commanded to summon Edward Stephens, the unknown heirs of Edward Stephens; William Stephens, the unknown heirs of William Stephens; J. A. Hockett, the unknown heirs of J. A. Hockett; B. V. Hockett, the unknown heirs of B. V. Hockett; W. L. Bracken, the unknown heirs of W. L. Bracken; S. A. Bracken, the unknown heirs of S. A. Bracken; William Smyers, the unknown heirs of William Smyers; A. R. Woods, the unknown heirs of A. R. Woods; D. Harrell, the unknown heirs of D. Harrell; F. Harrell, the unknown heirs of F. Harrell; S. E. Smyers, the unknown heirs of S. E. Smyers; C. C. Mullins, the unknown heirs of C. C. Mullins; A. Mullins, the unknown heirs of A. Mullins; Eli Smyers, the unknown heirs of Eli Smyers; L. Stephens, the unknown heirs of L. Stephens; J. C. Stephens, the unknown heirs of J. C. Stephens; M. E. Shafford, the unknown heirs of M. E. Shafford; Daniel L. Stephens, the unknown heirs of Daniel L. Stephens; Henry Pyor, the unknown heirs of Henry Pyor; J. L. Taylor, the unknown heirs of J. L. Taylor; Z. T. Polter, the unknown heirs of Z. T. Polter; H. R. Calhoun and wife, M. I. Calhoun, the unknown heirs of H. R. Calhoun and wife, M. I. Calhoun; B. L. Dudley, the unknown heirs of B. L. Dudley; J. J. Whitaker, the unknown heirs of J. J. Whitaker; E. P. Whitaker, the unknown heirs of E. P. Whitaker—by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of district court of Wise county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Decatur, Texas, on the twelfth Monday after the first Monday in March, 1924, the same being the 26th day of May, A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1924, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5340, wherein K. A. Osborn is plaintiff and Edward Stephens, the unknown heirs of Edward Stephens; William Stephens, the unknown heirs of William Stephens; J. A. Hockett, the unknown heirs of J. A. Hockett; B. V. Hockett, the unknown heirs of B. V. Hockett; W. L. Bracken, the unknown heirs of W. L. Bracken; S. A. Bracken, the unknown heirs of S. A. Bracken; William Smyers, the unknown heirs of William Smyers; A. R. Woods, the unknown heirs of A. R. Woods; D. Harrell, the unknown heirs of D. Harrell; F. Harrell, the unknown heirs of F. Harrell; S. E. Smyers, the unknown heirs of S. E. Smyers; C. C. Mullins, the unknown heirs of C. C. Mullins; A. Mullins, the unknown heirs of A. Mullins; Eli Smyers, the unknown heirs of Eli Smyers; L. Stephens, the unknown heirs of L. Stephens; J. C. Stephens, the unknown heirs of J. C. Stephens; M. E. Shafford, the unknown heirs of M. E. Shafford; Daniel L. Stephens, the unknown heirs of Daniel L. Stephens; Henry Pyor, the unknown heirs of Henry Pyor; J. L. Taylor, the unknown heirs of J. L. Taylor; Z. T. Polter, the unknown heirs of Z. T. Polter; H. R. Calhoun and wife, M. I. Calhoun, the unknown heirs of H. R. Calhoun and wife, M. I. Calhoun.

Calhoun and wife, M. I. Calhoun; B. L. Dudley, the unknown heirs of B. L. Dudley; J. J. Whitaker, the unknown heirs of J. J. Whitaker; E. P. Whitaker, the unknown heirs of E. P. Whitaker, are defendants, and said petition alleging: That the plaintiff on or about the 1st day of April, 1924, was seizer of the following described tract of land, situated in Wise county, Texas, and being two hundred acres of land situated in Wise county, Texas, to-wit:

First Tract.—Being out of the Edward Stephens survey. Beginning at the northwest corner of the Alvey Stewart tract out of said survey, thence west to the east boundary line of Press Stewart tract; thence south with said line to his southeast corner; thence east to J. J. Whitaker southwest corner; thence north to place of beginning, containing seventy acres of land.

Second Tract.—Being out of the Edward Stephens survey. Beginning at the northwest corner of the J. J. Bradley tract in the north boundary line of the Edward Stephens survey; thence south 1549 1/2 varas; thence west 479 1/2 varas; thence north 1549 1/2 varas; thence east 479 1/2 varas, to place of beginning—containing ninety acres of land and being the same land deeded to E. P. Whitaker by G. A. Stewart.

Third Tract.—Being out of the Edward Stephens survey in Wise county, Texas. Beginning at the northwest corner of J. R. Bradley tract in north boundary line of Edward Stephens survey; thence south 2020 varas; thence west 479 1/2 varas; thence north 2020 varas; thence east 479 1/2 varas, to place of beginning—conveying forty acres off the south end of said tract so as to run full width of said tract east and west and being the same land deeded by M. M. Preston to J. J. Whitaker, and on said date defendants ousted him therefrom and with-holds his possession from him now.

Plaintiff further alleges that he and those under whom he claims, have had peaceable adverse possession of same, claiming under deeds duly registered and paying all taxes due thereon for more than five years from April 1st, 1924, and that he has had the peaceable adverse possession of said land, together with those under whom he claims, having same fenced and using and cultivating same for more than ten years prior to April 1st, 1924, and that for more than twenty-five years he and those under whom he claims have had the peaceable adverse possession of and claiming same by a regular chain of title immediately preceding April 1, 1924.

Plaintiff sues for title and possession of said premises and for writ of restitution and general relief.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1924.—J. A. MOORE, clerk of the district court of Wise county, Texas. (Apr 25-May 16)

NEW SALEM NEWS

Most of the farmers have finished their corn planting.

Coleman Miller and wife spent last Saturday night with Will Phillips and family.

Will Phillips and family spent Sunday with Rufe Martin and family. Brother Walker filled his appointment here Sunday.

Miss Ida Maud Walker of Flatwoods, spent Saturday night with Larue Phillips.

Miss Wanell Aaron spent Saturday night with Miss Pauline Vann.

Several of the people of this community attended the plays at Joe Bailey on Thursday and Friday nites.

There will be singing here Sunday night. Everybody is invited to come and take part.

Major E. A. SIMPSON

will address the voters of Wise County in behalf of the candidacy of

Thos. D. Barton

FOR GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

at the District Court Room, Monday night, May 19th, 1924, at eight p. m.

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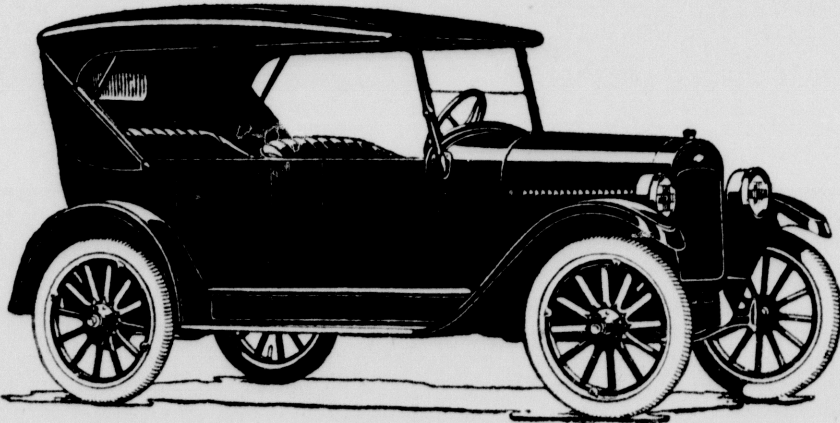
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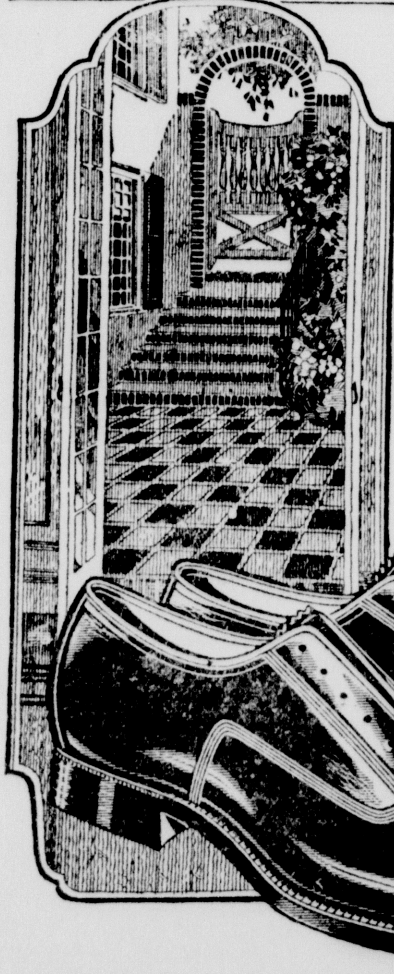


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Local News

NEW FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAIN SCHEDULE.

NORTH BOUND.			
No.	Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
7—	10:45 pm	12:21 am	3:00 am
1—	9:45 am	11:07 am	1:25 pm
5—	6:45 pm	8:16 pm	10:55 pm
SOUTH BOUND.			
No.	W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth
8—	3:00 am	5:26 am	7:00 am
4—	9:00 am	11:28 am	12:45 pm
2—	2:45 pm	5:00 pm	6:20 pm

Get good khaki pants for \$1.50 at Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Mrs. Carl Christian has returned from a several weeks' visit in Mineral Wells.

Jim Wallace, who is carpentering at Robstown, visited homefolks here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Baker and son, Ralph, of Dallas, were here Sunday, guests of relatives.

Superintendent B. C. Schulkey and family of Alvord, were here Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Schulkey.

Durham Duplex safety razor with each straw hat sold—prices \$1.50 to \$4.95—at Perkins-Timberlake Company.

John "Ox" Fullingim of Baylor University at Waco, visited Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Fullingim here Saturday-Monday.

Diplomas framed, with your selection of mountings, best cabinet work and reasonable prices at Man & Christian's.

Mrs. R. C. Allbritton of Paradise, was brought to Decatur on Monday of this week, to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

S. T. Lillard, manager of Lillard Milling Company, is attending the West Texas chamber of commerce gathering in Brownwood.

E. L. Brandenburg, who is spending some time in Mineral Wells, was over Sunday to see homefolks, returning to the resort that afternoon.

Mrs. T. P. Alston and children of Fort Worth, have been the guests of Mrs. G. F. Plaxco and R. L. Hunt and family the past several days.

Mrs. T. H. Payne and child of Paducah, are visiting in the homes of Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Payne and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mann of Decatur this week.

Rev. W. Harrison Baker, local pastor of the Methodist church, will leave Friday for Van Alstyne, where he goes to preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Van Alstyne high school.

C. R. Bridges and family, C. F. Jones and family, R. L. Arnold and wife, Mrs. Limmie, C. C. Allbritton, R. C. Allbritton and Miss Bertha Allison of the Paradise section, were visitors in the city on Monday.

Last week an improved lung-motor was installed in Rogers Sanitarium at a cost of about three hundred dollars. The apparatus is of the latest type and design. It will be used for restoring breathing to persons who have been drowned and for other aids to facilitate proper breath control.

John A. Wills and family of Fort Worth, on Sunday were visitors in the W. W. Brown home. Mr. Wills received most of his early education from Mr. Brown, who taught the former at night. Mr. Wills is now city salesman for Swift & Company in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Dodson of Colorado Springs, Colorado, are in the city visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Dodson, who is a brother of our fellow townsman, C. P. Dodson, formerly resided here. His wife was, before her marriage, Miss Hazel Holt, a native of Decatur.

Miss Vala Fullingim, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Fullingim of Denton, and a senior student in the North Texas State Teachers College, was chosen queen of the May for the May Fete which is to be held on the college campus May 17th. The selection was made by popular vote of the students.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Lon Mann and family of Vernon, were Decatur visitors first of the week. Mr. Mann is a salesman with the Ladd Motor Company of Vernon, handling Chevrolet cars. Last month Mr. Mann led his district for sales of this popular automobile, and was awarded a handsome premium by the Chevrolet company for his accomplishment.

"An Old Fashioned Mother," three-act play, was presented by pupils of the Valley View school, under the supervision of Professor Reuben H. Moore, at Rhome on Friday evening and at Greenwood on Saturday evening to good sized crowds. Professor Moore closed a very successful term of school at Valley View two weeks ago. The school is four miles west to Decatur.

Rev. Billy Ayes, accompanied by his wife, has returned from an extended visit to the west as far as Plainview, doodling for oil. He has a patent doodle-bug arrangement he witches with. He don't know what makes his oil doodle-bug doodle; possibly he does, but when it comes to doodling he says it doodles better in Archer county than any other place he has doodled. He has much faith in his doodler, and will gladly demonstrate on your land if you want it doodled.—Archer County News.

Attorney J. V. Patterson was in Fort Worth.

Jack Rieger was in Dallas on business this week.

A. Y. Leslie was here from Alvord Monday on business.

Mrs. M. W. Burch was on the sick list first of the week.

Judge F. O. McKinsey of Weatherford, was here Friday.

Attorney Frank J. Ford was in Electra on business this week.

Dixie King overalls going at \$1.69 at Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Have your diplomas and certificates framed at Man & Christian's.

Mrs. S. T. Lillard and son, Jack, were in Fort Worth first of the week.

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The handsome Heflin home on West Walnut street is nearing completion.

We are offering good quality khaki pants for \$1.50. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Robert M. Gibson, with the Southwest National Bank of Dallas, was visiting here Sunday.

Commencing next Monday, fresh barbecue every day at the City Meat Market. Stokes & Miller.

"The Old Family Album" will be presented by local talent at the high school on the evening of May 20th.

A wonderful showing of appropriate gifts for the boy and girl graduate at Empire Drug Company.

A. F. Vernor, operator at Denver station here, was taken to St. Joseph's Infirmary Tuesday, suffering with a severe attack of erysipelas.

New straw hats at \$1.50 to \$4.95 at Perkins-Timberlake Company. A Durham Duplex safety razor free with each hat sold. Get yours.

Mrs. Tom Dunn has returned from the Harris Sanitarium in Fort Worth. Her many friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Dunn is improving in health.

The Messenger editor acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend a banquet in Wichita Falls, given by David C. McCaleb Camp No. 13 of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Prices reduced. Eggs from my best single-comb Reds, now \$1.50 per setting of fifteen eggs; \$2.50 for thirty. Two good cockerels and ten young hens for sale reasonably, and they are real Reds. T. H. Wright, Decatur, Texas.

J. P. Hayter of Waco, has been visiting old friends and relatives in city this week. Tuesday he was a pleasant caller at Messenger office. Mr. Hayter has many friends in Decatur and community, and they were glad to see him.

Mrs. J. F. Huntoon, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. S. T. Lillard, for some time, returned to her home in Los Angeles, California, yesterday. Mrs. Huntoon has many friends in Decatur, who hope she will return to Delightful Decatur at an early date.

Sheriff Wills Workman accompanied his daughter, Miss Claude Mae, to Dallas Tuesday. Miss Claude Mae is taking treatment at the Baptist sanitarium, where she had an operation performed some time ago. It will be good news to the many friends of this young lady to know that she is improving in health.

Embree's carnival shows are playing Decatur this week. It is said that this is one of the cleanest and best conducted carnival entertainments that has ever come to Decatur. Different from the general run of carnivals, the Embree people do not stage anything that is objectionable to the pleasure-seeking public.

You can get those new pattern Gold Seal rugs at Man & Christian's. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Oma Cartwright, on Thursday, May 15th, a son.

See our display of graduation gifts in the show windows. Empire Drug Company.

Bonnie St. Clair and wife are here from Newark, visiting the family of J. M. St. Clair.

I have one good Ford touring car left for sale at a bargain. See H. S. Burton, Decatur.

Summer music class solicited for piano and voice. Mrs. J. M. Crisp, Southwestern phone 184, Independent phone 331.

Mmes. W. C. Batdorff and S. J. Madden are attending the Southern Baptist Convention this week in Atlanta, Georgia.

Empire Drug Company has a complete stock of gift suggestions for the boy and girl graduate. Get their prices before making your purchases.

Secretary Cliff Cates of the Decatur chamber of commerce, Jack Rieger and W. T. Terrell were in Dallas on Wednesday on business for the local commercial organization.

Professor and Mrs. J. L. Read left last Wednesday for San Antonio, where they were called to the bedside of Mr. Read's mother, who has been seriously ill. They returned on Monday.

A religious laugh is good for anyone. Have you tried it? If not, come to the Methodist church Sunday night and enjoy the hour. See something you never saw before, and learn many valuable lessons.

Don't fail to see and hear Mr. Alex Hampton at the Methodist church on Sunday night. He will cause you to "bust" your sides in laughter and also teach you some of the most practical lessons one needs to learn.

Judge Barry Miller of Dallas, candidate for lieutenant-governor, addressed a large crowd here Wednesday afternoon. The speaker, one of the most forceful and eloquent in the state, delivered a splendid address, which was well received.

R. R. Tribble, of Aubrey, candidate for state senator, was in the city in the interest of his candidacy. Mr. Tribble was accompanied by several of most prominent and substantial citizens of his town and community. These splendid gentlemen were enthusiastic in their endorsement of their friend neighbor, Mr. Tribble.

A special train to the Confederate Reunion at Memphis, Tennessee, will leave Fort Worth at 12:30 noon, on Monday, June 2nd. It will arrive on the following morning, eight o'clock. The round trip fare for Confederate veterans and their wives will be \$11.50, while members of affiliated organizations will be given a rate of \$17.99. The tickets are limited for return on June 28th.

Ben Watkins and Ray Harper are repainting and fixing up the district court room, and when the work is completed Wise county will boast one of the most attractive court rooms in the state. This work was badly needed, as the walls and ceiling were smoked and discolored.

Get that new straw hat at Perkins-Timberlake Company now. Priced at \$1.50 to \$4.95—and Durham Duplex safety razor with each hat. Better make your selection today.

Miss Caroline Chambers, the home demonstration agent, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Baird, staff writer for the Dallas News, to Willow Point on Tuesday to inspect the kitchen of Mrs. George Workman, who won the third prize last year in the state kitchen contest conducted by the A. & M. extension department and the Semi-Weekly Farm News. Before leaving Decatur, Mrs. Baird, who has visited all parts of the southwest, expressed herself as being enthralled by the scenic aspect as viewed from Decatur and environs, but when she returned to Decatur she deplored the conditions that exist with respect to Wise county roads. Thus the astute and observing lady handed us a bouquet and a brick bat which we pass on for the contemplation of our readers.

The county agent has succeeded the past terracing season in laying the lines on thirty-five farms, embracing one thousand two hundred and ten acres of farm land. The interest in farm terracing now extends to all parts of the county but particularly to the section of the sandy land which being of light character and rolling suffers material damage from flood waters. If the greatest value is derived from this work as time proceeds the county agent will have to have assistance, for it is by no means possible for him to reach all the applicants for this kind of service.

Commencing next Monday, fresh barbecue every day at the City Meat Market. Stokes & Miller.

Walter Owen and Luther Belew have formed a partnership and have opened a barber shop in the room with the Dunaway Tailor Shop.

Miss Alma Mae Dallas has returned from a visit with friends in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Water for public stock is again on tap and in plentiful supply due to the prompt action of C. P. Dodson who in response to complaints to the chamber of commerce from farmers, voluntarily cured the deficiency.

A delegation from the chamber of commerce went to Dallas Wednesday in behalf of Decatur Baptist College. It was a hard-working committee and a quantity of work was done for the school. Another committee will soon go to Fort Worth, and tonight efforts are being made to have visitors at the closing exercises of these schools at Slidell and Chico in behalf of the college.

Prospects for Decatur High and Decatur College are glowing for next term. But nobody should pause on his or her arms thinking somebody else will put the institutions over. Every citizen of this town and community should have a pride and be working for students for the next term. Exert yourself to the fullest, citizens. Overlook no opportunity of adding one or a dozen or more to the prosperity role of students. We have two of the greatest schools in all Texas, and the news should be shouted big and loud and in the place where the most good will be done.

Alse Burton and Marion Muncy left this week for a trip to New Mexico. They will spread the news about the Baptist college all the way to the west state line, having gone loaded with printed matter and banners flaunting the college.

A new instrument known as the electric telemeter records strains produced in bridges by trains or motor trucks passing over them.

Notice in Bankruptcy.

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas, in the matter of Stephen Edward Denham, bankrupt, No. 1210 in bankruptcy:

Bankrupt's petition for discharge, filed 1st day of May, 1924, and order thereon.

Stephen Edward Denham of Alvord, county of Wise, and state of Texas, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 23rd day of January, 1924, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Act of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore, he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all his debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy acts, except such debts as are specially excepted by law from such discharge. Duly verified on the 12th day of February, 1924.—Signed, Stephen Edward Denham, bankrupt.

Considering the above petition, it is ordered that any creditor who has filed and proved his claim and other parties in interest desiring to oppose the said discharge, as prayed for in the above petition, shall on or before the 31st day of May, 1924, file with the undersigned referee at Fort Worth, Texas, notice in writing of their opposition to such discharge, and after filing opposition, specifications thereunder shall be filed with the referee within ten days from the said date on or before which opposition may be filed.

Given his 1st day of May, 1924.—Glenn Smith, referee in bankruptcy.

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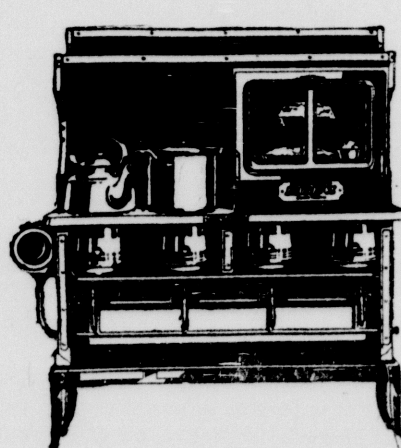
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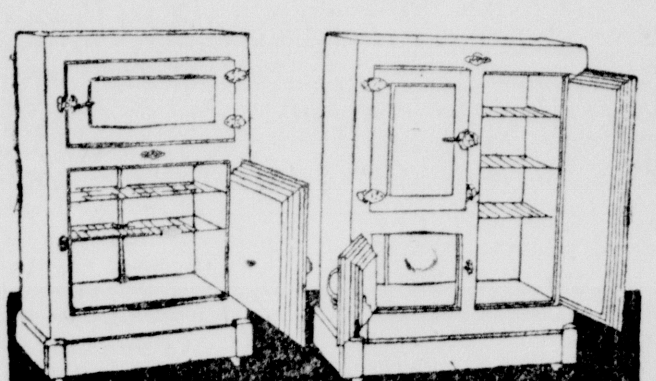


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 WM. H. RICE
- For County Representative:**
 GRADY WOODRUFF
 J. B. PRUETT
- For District Clerk:**
 J. A. MOORE
- For County Tax Assessor:**
 H. M. FOSTER.
 LEE CLEMENT.
 JAS. W. SMITH
 G. M. D. MATHESON
 W. D. BELEW
 J. D. DENNEY
- For County Tax Collector:**
 PHILIP R. BAITS
- For County Treasurer:**
 JOHN M. HARLAN
- For Sheriff:**
 W. M. WORKMAN
 WALTER WOOD
- For County Judge:**
 SAM M. WARD
- For County Superintendent:**
 MRS. EFFIE PRICE.
- For County Attorney:**
 P. L. GETTYS
- For County Clerk:**
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- For Commissioner, Precincts 1-6:**
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- For Public Weigher, Precinct 1:**
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 JESSE P. DAVENPORT
 GEORGE W. PHILLIPS
- For Justice of Peace, Precinct 1:**
 W. V. CUNNINGHAM.
 C. C. HENDERSON.
- For Public Weigher, Precinct 5:**
 T. G. BROWN

Decatur first; your political preferences second.

Cotton is king, but don't overlook the cow, sow and hen.

The best thing about a thing well done is to have it done well.

Brownwood is one of the best towns in Texas. That's the result of its citizens pulling together.

It is the opinion of a number of good citizens that the rangers are operating too far north in the state.

Watch Wise county's vote for her son, Walter Splawn, state railroad commissioner and candidate for reelection.

You can tell the cheaper cuts of meat because they are thoughtier than the expensive cuts, but you can never tell by the price.

There is no room in Decatur for the fellow who encourages factional fuses. Let's all pull together for Decatur and Wise county.

People who think the glory of our war heroes would be damaged if they were to get a bonus do their thinking thru their pocket-book.

The Mayfield-Peddy case in Washington is tapping the till to the tune of hundreds of good simoleons per day, and Jones is paying the freight.

There are too many citizens in this town who are worrying over the affairs of their neighbors, while their own little play-houses are getting in a dilapidated condition.

When the bobbed-haired married lady asks you how she looks with her hair cut short, be dead sure you play it safe and hold her friendship by stating, unhesitatingly, that "it is so becoming."

Town Backing.

The man who does not back the town! You'll find him—about ten on every fairly thickly settled street. He came to town just to eat, sleep and shake off community responsibility. He expects the town to have police patrol down his way so that he won't get knocked on the head some dark night or his place broken into—and he kicks like a steer if the ash man misses a day collecting his rubbish. Yes, he'll give the town paper a ring the very next morning and ask why in the name of Moses house-holders can't get service, and won't the editor have a bang at the authorities the very next issue and stir things up?

This guy "never has time to read a paper," just as if that were an excuse for not subscribing to the one institution on the job, week in and week out, protecting his interests, reporting town happenings, exposing everything detrimental to community welfare and plugging away every week to advance town values and property owners' rights. "I am seldom around town anyway," he says; "and don't know anybody and have no interest in town affairs."

You meet this hog, as stated, about ten on every fairly thickly settled street. He's in town to wring all the benefits he can out of it and give nothing back that isn't forced out of him by the tax collector. He was never known to thank a carrier, say good morning to a cop, give a copper to any charity or a friendly look even to a stray town dog—a hog he was born, a hog he lives and will die a hog's death. On his grave-stone, invisibly written, so that everyone who know him will mark and inwardly digest, will be the lines from memory: "Here lies a town hog; he lived without the pale of the town's boundaries but was pig enough to ask a burial place within it."

Excuse us if we take issue with this town hog. We hope the time will come when his name will be checked on board of trade lists as N. G. for citizenship, because the man or the woman who takes refuge under the sneaking excuse, "I have no interest or business in the town and really know very few people here," to dodge community co-operation, service and expenditures within reasonably decent lines, no matter what their financial status, has no moral right to live in any town and receive its benefits, benefits made possible thru community co-operation, service and expenditure of the public-spirited citizens in that town.

They should be put out on the town farm along with the other hogs and get town hog's fare—that's what!

Moral.—If you are one of these town hogs, change cars.—Cambridge, (Massachusetts) Tribune.

Men give me credit for some genius. All the genius I have lies in this: when I have a subject in hand, I study it profoundly. Day and night it is before me. I explore it in all its bearings. My mind becomes pervaded with it. Then the effort which I have made is what people are pleased to call the fruit of genius. It is the fruit of labor and thought.

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Onward, Patriots!

Post offices are being increased in number. This will be good news to the sublime army of hungry democrats. Stand steady, patriots and the good things of the world will be coming along shortly after the devilish enemy reads the returns of the election.—Wise County Messenger.

There is always something to be found to cheer men up. What a beautifully hopeful picture Colonel Collins paints of the rosy prospects for the pie-hungry democrats! What more, with the republicans in the dilemma they now find themselves in and government establishing more post offices, could the fellow who has "voted 'er straight" for all these many years ask for? There, indeed, are only a few more lean months in prospect.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

It may be true that a cloud in the sky is no sign of an approaching cyclone, but even so, we can't help wondering what that fellow had in mind when he coined the phrase "greased" lightning.

The highest fire lookout station in New England is in the heart of the Connecticut state capital. It is located at the top of the Travelers Insurance Company building in Hartford, where the lookout can see two hundred fifty thousand acres of Connecticut woodlands.

Millicent Rogers' dreams of castles and crowns have been knocked forty ways from the deuce, and the poor little rich girl is back home with her papa and mama. It will be remembered that Millicent, worth forty millions of dollars, married Count Salm Von Hoogstraeten, a thirty-eight-year-old rounder of the Austrian nobility some months ago, following a hurried courtship. The marriage was not to the liking of the Rogers family, and when the couple sailed away to their castles, which proved to be of the air variety, Millicent's daddy did not produce the millions, and the count and countess landed on the other side with only a measly ten thousand dollar roll, which had been handed the bride by her father. Well, the count proceeded to spread, and in a short time the couple was broke. Millicent, so the story goes, awoke to the fact that she had married a cheap-skate, and papa was communicated with. Mr. Rogers went over, gave the count a hundred thousand dollars, and got his daughter. Millicent is sorry, while her no-count husband is showing the girls in abbreviated skirts in the under-world of the gay cities of Europe the times of their lives.

"Don't you find it difficult to make both ends meet?"
 "Not the end of my money and the end of the week."

Just because the moth "eat holes" is not conclusive that it is getting by on the lesat expensive diet.

Also, if people knew and understood the Constitution better, unwise and unnecessary amendments would be discounted in advance.—Saginaw Michigan News Courier.

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Greetings Given College Scouts

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whammed" every time. Chief Tate of Paducah bowed gracefully at the end of his drubbings and said: "You be better than us; I make big feed for you." Chief Ramsey of Crowell stated that his warriors were all squaws anyway, and he had them to get out their kitchen utensils and prepare a "chow" for their conquerors.

Appetite of the Decatur tribe was worse than their raiding prowess; in fact, one would judge from watching them eat that they made the raid purely for culinary reasons. This is putting it strong, too, when we think that the Decatur lost not a single engagement or skirmish, and this in face of the fact that the Crowells had sent far, far away and secured the help of one mighty expert to hurl the hide-bound missiles. But he mystified not the Decatur at all. They stopped many of his war-like pellets and thoroly examined them, found them harmless, and sent them back at him.

In connection with the main raid conducted by Big Penn for booty, there was a minor one being carried on contemporaneously by Little Pete and Big Papoose Ewing. Their chief weapon was craft. They sought to add new papooses to the Decatur by winning the affections and interest of said papooses away from other competing tribes, who were also trying to replenish their fast disappearing braves.

The following little villages were entered, and many wig-wags were searched by the Indians: Ringgold, Chillicothe, Quanaah (Chief Quanaah's home town), Burkburnett, Paducah and Crowell—and the result was that many innocent papooses were beguiled into giving their promise to join the Decatur next fall at raiding time. Some of these papooses had all the points that indicate terrific and very dreadful warriors when they are properly schooled in the dark ways of the war-path.

Many little squaws were mightily drawn toward the Decatur by dark and swarthy Ewing, big papoose of the invaders.

The following constituted the body-guard to Big Penn: Braves Biddy, Boyd, Beverly, Aubrey, Ledbetter, Shults, Johnson, Sebastian, Christian, Sims, Kelly, Watson, Park, Hardy, Byrd, Green, Crews, Curry and Tally.

Joe Heninger overheard this in a store in San Francisco:

A dusky lady came in and asked for one cent's worth of insect powder. "But that isn't enough to wrap up," objected the drug clerk.

"Man," exclaimed the dark lady, "I ain't askin' you to wrap it up. Jes' blow it down mah back."

VERY SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL AT RHOME

The Rhome school was brought to a close on April 25th with the best record in many years on the part of both teachers and pupils.

On Thursday night, the general program was given with pupils from all the rooms participating. This was enjoyed by a packed house, tho the weather was very bad. A storm alarm caused many to leave before the program was over. The alarm was not ungrounded. The feature of the evening was a tamberine drill to the music of "Dixie" by the eighth grade girls, directed and presented by Miss Alleta Svensson.

Those graduating from the grade school were: Hervey Cox, valedictory; Eugene Renshaw and Sylvia Williams tied for salutatory, so both were given equal honors; Okie Sparks, Frank Logan, Earl Richardson and Clinton McGhee. This class is to be commended for the fine program rendered by them.

The senior play was presented on Monday night to a large audience. All attending say they enjoyed the evening in real pleasure, which proves that a small class can do great things if they only try.

The commencement exercises on Tuesday night formally closed the school year for 1923-24 with a large audience to witness the presentation of diplomas to: Ovid Reid, Gladys Atchley, Gladys Williams and Sam Roberts, with Mr. Reid as valedictorian and Miss Atchley salutatorian.

PROFESSOR CURRY TO SPEAK SUNDAY

The people of Decatur will have the privilege of hearing Professor P. M. Curry at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. W. Harrison Baker, will be at Van Aistyne, where he was pastor for four years before coming to Decatur, preaching the sermon for the graduating class of the high school. The people generally are invited to hear Professor Curry Sunday morning.

LUTHERAN SERVICE

"The Christian's Sorrow and Joy" will be the sermon subject at the Lutheran preaching to be held at the Episcopal church on Sunday, May 18th, three o'clock p. m.—Fred Boerger, Pastor.

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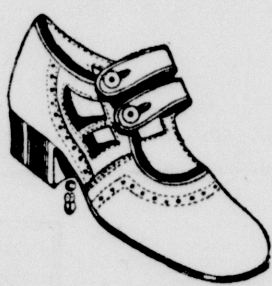
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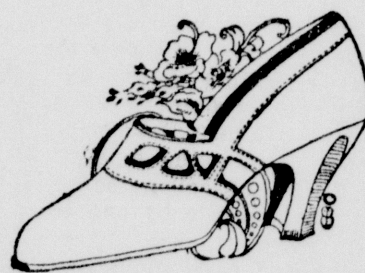
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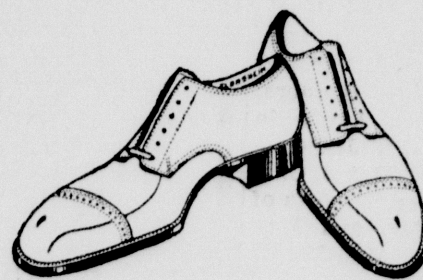


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PHONE IT IN.—When you have guests, socials, parties or picnics, we would appreciate your phoning us that we may tell your friends. Social items and personals are always welcome. S. W. 50. Ind. 45

Methodist W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church met in an all-day picnic with Mrs. W. S. Gilbert at her home, "Oak Lawn," on Monday, May 12th, and in the afternoon the Mission Study had for their lesson last chapter of the book they have been studying, entitled "The Debt Eternal."

A very pleasant day was spent, entirely on the lawn, with a bounteous dinner for everyone at the noon hour.

Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Baker and three children, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Bounds and two children, Mrs. F. M. Kenny, Mrs. A. S. Kenny, Mrs. W. L. Dallas, Mrs. A. C. Burton, Mrs. Ad Renshaw, Mrs. Earl Douglass and two children, Mrs. H. E. Lobdell and two children, Mrs. Carl Faith, Mrs. Dick Collins, Mrs. R. M. Collins and baby, Mrs. Will Boyd and baby, Mrs. C. C. Henderson, Mrs. Steve Lillard Jr. and son, Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Mrs. G. G. Neilson, Mrs. Jess Milton, Mrs. Guthrie, Mrs. H. W. Barton, Mrs. Van Meter, Mrs. W. B. Brown, Mrs. Henry Buttrill and son, Mrs. J. M. Scott, Mrs. C. D. Cates, Mrs. George Gage and son, Miss Jessie Lee Milton, Miss Katherine Ruth Helm, Miss Ella Thompson; Mrs. W. W. Williams and Mrs. W. S. Gilbert, hostesses.

"Rube" Party.

The losing side in attendance for the year at the Owl Club, of which Mrs. John Renshaw was captain, entertained the winning side on last Wednesday afternoon with a "Rube" party at the home of Mrs. Steve Lillard, Jr. The rooms were decorated to carry out the barn-yard idea. Several bales of hay and old boxes were placed around the rooms for seats for the guests. Two clothes lines from which hung many familiar articles of clothing, were stretched across the room to dry. Masses of roses and pinks, many comical and old-fashioned costumes were worn by the members present. Mrs. T. G. Rogers was judged as being the tackiest one. A varied program and humorous stunts took one back to the days of childhood. Chewing gum, stick candy and tea-cakes were passed, refreshing lemonade was served from the old oaken bucket—the iron-bound bucket that hung in the well.

Society Day Observed.

After observing Friday, May 9th, as Philo day, wearing the colors, pink and blue, all day and conducting the chapel exercises by impersonating the members of the faculty, the members of the Philo and Athenaeum literary societies of Decatur Baptist College went to the lake for a moonlight picnic. It was indeed an enjoyable occasion and one to be long remembered by the Philos.

To the regret of many, the boys of the baseball team were on a trip and were thus unable to attend. There were others out of town for the week-end and several members of the faculty were called away, but nevertheless large numbers wended their way to the lake. Here they enjoyed boat-riding on the moonlit waters, with Philo and college songs interspersing banjo music by one of the boys. Venues were rosated over a large bonfire and a delicious and bountiful supper was served. Eskimo pies had been provided for desert and the boys and girls enjoyed their cool and refreshing last course by the fire.

Those who went are: Misses Vera Shearman, Esta Ruth Donahoo, Elizabeth Gibson, Loretta McGhee, Helen Hoyl, Mary Frances Bennett, Maurine Gill, Beatrice Preston, Jane Hoyl, Ruth Hoyl, Thelma Petty; Messrs. J. C. Watkins, Curtis Yant, Peard Doyle, Russell Lyles, Leon Sanders, Ralph Hoyl, Ted Breswell, Lauro de Britto, Douglas Dickson, S. J. Petty, Jennings Brown, Cantrell Hayes, C. J. Newton and Faust Nobles. Guests of the chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hoyl and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Burch.

S. S. Class Party.

Mrs. H. L. Jones entertained the girls of her Sunday school class in her home Sunday, May 11th, with a luncheon. It was given in honor of the six girl graduates of the class, Misses Ruth Reeves, Naomi Mann, Jewel Ray Fox, Ida Pearl Gill, Gertie Petty and Pearl Rowan.

The dining room was appropriately decorated with the class colors, blue and gold, and the tables had beautiful center-pieces of cut flowers. All enjoyed the delicious luncheon and the remainder of the day was pleasantly spent.

Those present were: Misses Margaret Bell, Gladys Petty, Clyde Hamilton, Zenobia McFarlin, Hortense Robinson, Exie Mae Roe, Willie May Cummins, Blanche Walker, Frankie Lee Crowley, Johnnie Mae Barnett, Ruth Reeves, Naomi Mann, Jewel Ray Fox, Ida Pearl Gill, Gertie Petty and Pearl Rowan.

Notice!

For the benefit of the reporters of the different clubs and organizations, I wish to say a word. There has been a great deal of confusion in the editing of this column because there is a misunderstanding as to who will report the meetings, and because the reporter for the paper does not know to whom to go for a report. If all clubs, societies and lodges will please elect a reporter, who is prompt in business dealings and careful to remember interesting details as well as main features, and also elect an assistant, there will be better service given thru this column and fewer mistakes made. It is best to have an assistant reporter, as oft-times the person filling this place is absent, and no else one takes the responsibility, thus leaving out a "write up" of the occasion.

The paper goes to press Thursday afternoon and all of this column must be in by Thursday noon. Those things which happen on the week-end or the first part of the week should be reported on or before Wednesday evening at six o'clock. Of course, if you forget it or cannot get it in before Thursday, it will be accepted, but it is much easier on the reporter for this page if you will send or bring it as early as possible.

Also I wish to call to your attention the points which are usually reported thru a paper. The place and time, with the host or hostess' name are always important. If there were a program, please give it in full, with the names of those taking part. If there were a business meeting, please give the business transacted if you do not object to it being published. Give the names of the guests and members present, please. If there were any special features as decorations, diversions or refreshments, please mention. These are a few of the things the majority like to hear about when reading an account of a social function.

It will be a great help to the one who writes this column if anyone who entertains or has been to an entertainment will come by the Messenger office and tell us of it or phone it in. We are trying to serve you by giving you this publicity and it is a good medium thru which to let the people know of your work and social features.—B. F. M.

Girls' Auxiliary.

The Girls' Auxiliary met in the home of Mildred Renshaw, Saturday May 10th, in a missionary meeting. After the conclusion of the program refreshments were served by the hostess and her mother to the following: Misses Margaret Bell, Dorothy Patterson, Katherine Ruth Helm, Jessie Lee Ramsey, Flora Reeves and Mrs. Jack Walker.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17th, the place to be announced later.

A man can only rise, conquer or achieve by lifting up his thoughts.

W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held an all-day meeting in the Baptist church on May 9th, with a Mother's Day program, which was as follows:

Devotional.—Mrs. George Arrington. Talk on Mother's Day.—Rev. R. E. Bell.

Duet.—Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Black. Lunch.

Song. Devotional.—Mrs. R. L. Hunt. Vocal solo.—Mr. Bill Jones.

Reading.—Isabel Hunt. Solo.—Mrs. Cicero Gettys.

Duet.—Mmes. Steve Lillard, Jr. and H. P. Black.

Old-Fashioned Sing-Song. Mrs. Donald was given a large bouquet, as she was the oldest one present.

The guests for the day were: Mmes. Hamilton, Reeves, Privitt, Caraway, McCormack, Vanding, Trussell, Richards, Clark, Pedin, Owen, Boyd, Donald, Russell, Mitchell, Walker, Gregg, Reynolds, Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Black, Rev. R. E. Bell, Isabel Hunt, and Bill Jones.

The members present were: Mmes. Guthrie, R. L. Hunt, T. J. Dillehay, D. Y. Lunn, J. V. Patterson, H. W. Barton, J. E. Boyd, T. G. Rogers, Fred Freeman, E. L. Brandenburg, Granger Blewett, W. S. Gilbert, S. A. Lillard, Jr., H. L. Ward, H. L. Jones, Bat Milholland, G. E. Arrington, Geo. Foster, J. G. Provence, J. A. Christian, Lute Renshaw, S. J. Madden, J. E. Dalton, J. I. McDaniel, W. H. Rice, Tom Dunn and C. T. Gettys.

DISTRICT DOCTORS MEETING IN TOWN

Local committees are beginning to bestir themselves, looking to entertainment of the members of the North Texas Medical Association that will hold its convention in Decatur on June 24th and 25th. The territory embraced in the North Texas district occupies seventeen of the most populous counties of Texas and numbers many of the ablest and influential practitioners of the southwest. Both Fort Worth and Dallas are included in the district.

It is an exceptional honor to be conferred on the town, and our hospitable citizenship must do its utmost to live up to its duties.

Incidentally there will meet with the convention the women's auxiliary of the association, composed of the wives of the member physicians. It is now estimated that from two to three hundred visitors will be here for the combined events. Dr. S. J. Petty is authorized under appointment of the Wise County Medical Society to head the local committee on entertainment and will work in connection with the entertainment committee of the chamber of commerce and a committee from the local county auxiliary of ladies.

Committee appointments of general arrangements will be announced next week.

D. B. C. WINS FOUR EXHIBITION GAMES

The Decatur Baptist College Indians romped away with all the games played on a recent road trip to west Texas. The teams which they met were among the strongest in the west, and the wins which they brought in attests to the high class team that Coach Dickson has whipped into shape during the season.

The boys not only pounded the old horsehide at the opportune moment, but they made them count for the things which put ball games on ice. Offensively, they played the so-called all-stars of Paducah, and Crowell off their feet, and never let them get away with enough runs to sew up the frays.

The initial encounter, at Paducah, found the Indians holding the better end of a 13 to 2 score. Only one error was committed by the locals, and they pounded the ball in hefty style. Sebastian was a shining light in the game, as he socked three out of four trips up and knocked down a sacrifice for his other try.

In the second imbroglio with the western pill chasers, a few less runs were made by Big Penn's proteges, but they had no trouble in running up 8 markers against 2 for the opposition.

At Crowell the third scalp of the trip was added with little difficulty. The boys poled 'em out to all corners of the grounds, for a grand total of 10 tallies, while the prides of Crowell only oozed one across the home bag. Johnson, Biddy and Sebastian connected with two each. Watson turned in an excellently pitched game, only four safe taps being garnered from his corkscrew delivery.

The Crowellites fell down on reputation which they were supposed to have had as baseball players when they attempted to stem the Indian tide on the succeeding day. Decatur's right worthies gathered unto themselves only seventeen scores from the western hurlers, but they could have shoved another 'un or two across if they hadn't had a little hunk of sympathy in their make-up. Yes, the hosts got some markers too; in fact they made four in the nine innings allotted them. The coach took advantage of the occasion by sending in some of his second string bunch. To them also belongs part of the victor's spoils.

Mrs. Dick Collins is visiting relatives and friends in Dallas.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon George H. Duncan, the unknown heirs of George H. Duncan; Frost Thorne, the unknown heirs of Frost Thorne; James F. Thorne, the unknown heirs of James F. Thorne; Mary M. Thorne, the unknown heirs of Mary M. Thorne; Susan V. Thorne, the unknown heirs of Susan V. Thorne; William T. Gardner, the unknown heirs of William T. Gardner; Mary M. Gardner, the unknown heirs of Mary M. Gardner; David Duncan, the unknown heirs of David Duncan; Alexander Duncan, the unknown heirs of Alexander Duncan; Lucy Duncan, the unknown heirs of Lucy Duncan; James Duncan, the unknown heirs of James Duncan; Mary E. Stewart, the unknown heirs of Mary E. Stewart; R. V. Stewart, the unknown heirs of R. V. Stewart; M. G. de Breuille and husband, H. C. T. Marques de Breuille, and their unknown heirs; F. J. Gordon Cumming and husband, Sir William Gordon Cumming, and their unknown heirs; E. M. de Molke Hurfeldt and husband, and their unknown heirs, by

RAISING OF SHEEP IN COUNTY GROWS

The sheep keeping and breeding industry in Wise county is not large in extent, nothing comparable to what it should be and what our natural advantages inevitably will make it, but notwithstanding this fact, the county numbers in its ranks two of the most enterprising and progressive breeders in the southwest, namely Clyde Holt and Ray Christian of Decatur.

Already possessing two of the outstanding flocks of this section, these breeders have received this week two high bred rams to place at the head of their flocks. The rams come from the well known herd of McKerron and Biddy, Peabody, Kansas. One is a two-year-old and weighed two hundred pounds, the other a yearling past and weighed one hundred fifty pounds. The show record of the older ram reveals that he took four premiums at four shows, two firsts and two seconds in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The dam of the younger ram, which goes to Christian, was champion at Topeka, Hutchinson and at Wichita, Kansas in 1921, and the sire has eight championships to his credit.

The community as a whole is to be congratulated on having these fine blood lines of sheep introduced into its midst, and it is hoped our people will improve on the opportunity of making a study of sheep and transplanting a lot of flocks of larger and lesser size to the farms of Wise county.

"The Gumps" at the Majestic.

making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the forty-third judicial; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said forty-third judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the fourth Monday in May, A. D. 1924, the same being the 26th day of May, A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1924, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5342, wherein K. A. Osborn is plaintiff, and those above named, which you have been commanded to summon, are all the defendants, and said petition alleging that plaintiff was on the 1st day of April, 1924, the owner and possessor of the following described land and premises, to-wit:

Being sixty-five acres of land out of the George W. Duncan survey in Wise county, Texas, and being located in the southwest part of said Wise county, near the town of Boonsville, and that the defendants herein above mentioned on the 1st day of April, 1924, unlawfully dispossessed the plaintiff thereof and now withhold possession from him.

That plaintiff and those under whom he claims have had said land in peaceable adverse possession for more than twenty-five years, using and cultivating the same and that same has been fenced and that he claims title under a chain of deed duly registered. Plaintiff prays for possession and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this 24th day of April, A. D. 1924.—J. A. MOORE, Clerk, district court, Wise county, Texas. By Carl Faith, deputy. (Apr 25-May 16)

URGING LADIES TO COME TO MEETING

The ladies of the town are very urgently requested to attend a meeting in the chamber of commerce hall this Friday afternoon at three o'clock to begin preparations for the entertainment of the Woman's Auxiliary of the North Texas Medical Association, which convenes in Decatur in connection with the annual convention of the North Texas physicians June 24th and 25th.—Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

A colored lady demanded a refund on a pair of hose recently purchased. The floorwalker asked:

"Madam, did they not come up to your expectations? "Lordy, no," she answered. "Dey hardly come up to my knees."

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When the colon becomes coated with hardened food wastes the blood begins to absorb poisons instead of food nutriment. The blood becomes thin and poor and unable to withstand the ravages of disease germs. The mucous lining of the colon being raw and irritated, can not do its work properly. Food is not properly assimilated and the system soon becomes weak and run-down.

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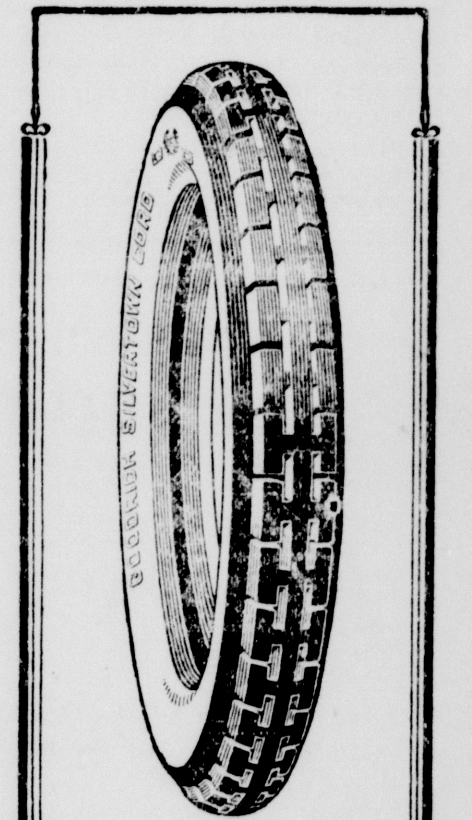
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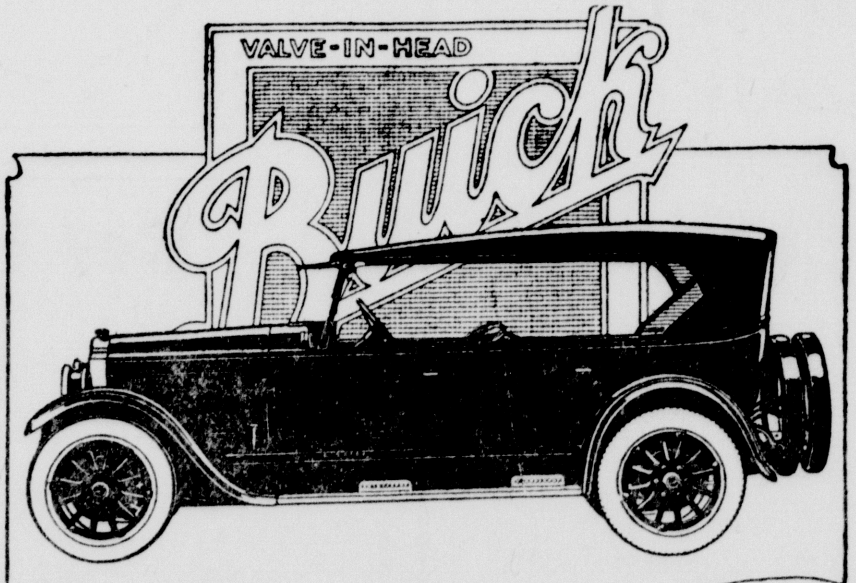
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DISCOVERS QUEER OBJECTS ON FARM

C. R. Bridges, living four and one-half miles south of Paradise, was in Decatur Monday, and made a pleasant call at the Messenger office. Mr. Bridges told one of the firm of some rather remarkable discoveries which had been made on his place recently. Mr. Bridges said that, in changing the course of Salt Creek thru his place, and as the new course washed a bed in its new path, the soft topplings of the ground were washed for a depth of several feet. In the hard under formations, well preserved bones of deer and buffalo, as well as many others from probably prehistoric animals were uncovered by the stream. Complete skeletons of these animals were found in the new stream bed. Also perfectly shaped and preserved tracks of a number of animals were traced in the hard ground formations.

METHODIST CHURCH

Mother's Day was suitably observed Sunday morning, M. W. Burch, T. J. McMurray and Mrs. Jack Cates making the principal talks that were beautiful tributes to mother. Mrs. C. L. Bounds sang "Mother's Prayer" and Faust Nobles sang "Mother Machree," Mrs. J. M. Crisp playing the accompaniment for each song. Everyone seemed to appreciate the service. There were four additions to the church at conclusion of the service.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will be in Van Alstyne for the purpose of preaching the commencement sermon for the high school.

Professor P. M. Curry of Decatur Baptist College will preach at the morning hour. Receive him as a brother beloved. Mr. Curry is a splendid speaker, one of the popular members of the faculty, a special friend of the young people, and many of them have declared themselves anxious to hear him Sunday morning. I commend the speaker to all church goers and to those who are not in the habit of attending.

Sunday night is anniversary for all young people's work, so observed thru-out Methodism. I have secured Mr. Alex Hampton of the college to take charge of the service. He is a magician of the highest type, a splendid entertainer, and a devoted christian preparing for the ministry. He has helped the pastor out on several different occasions and it is now a pleasure to return the favor in asking the people to make an offering at the close of the service which will be divided equally between our young people and Mr. Hampton. If you want to spend one hour of solid enjoyment, be present Sunday evening. We do not hesitate to say that many times we have spent one dollar for an evening entertainment and have enjoyed it less than fifteen of the kind that Mr. Hampton will furnish.

Wednesday evening, May 21st, we want to have a church social at the tabernacle for all the membership of the church. R. W. H. McColloch, who was to have been with us this week, will be present and help us enjoy the evening.—W. Harrison Baker, pastor.

Hear Major Simpson in district court room Monday night, speaking in the interest of the candidacy of Thos. D. Barton for governor.

She lets me kiss her now and then—and that is nice;
She does the same for other men—I get advice.
Of course I kiss a friend or two—or maybe three.
A comon thing for men to do—why should she?

GOOD INTEREST IN LIVE-STOCK PICNIC

The enterprising people of the Oak Grove community who will be hosts to the annual picnic and live-stock field meet of the Wise County Pure-bred Livestock Association next Thursday, May 22nd, will meet in the early part of next week to put the grounds in preparation for this combined instructional and pleasurable event.

The meetings will be conducted under the pavillion which is amply seated for the comfort of a big crowd. The livestock will be quartered on the adjacent grounds where judging and general comment by the noted group of visiting specialists will take place. People will be expected to bring along their lunch baskets for the spread that will happen at the noon hour.

This looks to be one of the finest and most pleasurable occasions of the kind yet held and the most valuable and instruction. Livestock and poultry of every variety and species common to the country will get each and all particular meed of attention and emphasis as each and all belong to the farms of the county.

Honorable D. B. Gilliland, foremost citizen of Oak Grove and of Wise county, has been selected to deliver the address of welcome at ten o'clock. The reply will probably be by Lindsley Waters, president of the Tennessee Dairies of Dallas. The half dozen or so of other experts to attend will have various assignments on the program. The farmers and business people of Wise county can well afford to be on hand for this fine occasion.

CLASSIFIED COLUMN
1c Per Word

I HAVE a client with \$5,000.00 who desires ranch in Wise county. Give all details. Write R. P. WILLIS, Wichita Falls, Texas. (22)

WANTED TO BUY—A Second-hand single buggy; also a saddle; no junk considered.—J. T. PHILLIPS, route eight, Decatur. (21)

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—No. 12 Domo cream separator; been used on three cow, about ten months.—TOM W. BURTON, route seven, Decatur. S. W. phone 128-11. (20)

PRICES REDUCED—Eggs from my best single-comb Reds, now \$1.50 per setting of fifteen eggs; \$2.50 for thirty. Two good cockerels and ten young hens for sale reasonably, and they are real Reds.—T. H. WRIGHT, Decatur, Texas. (21)

FOR SALE—Seven-foot John Deere binder; good condition. See or phone J. B. DEMENT, route six, Decatur. Ind. phone 281-3. (21)

FOR SALE—Ford touring car; good conditions; a bargain. See H. S. BURTON, Decatur. (20)

LOST

LOST—Ladies' gold ring; long reddish yellow sardonyx setting with diamond in one end. Return to CLOTHILDE DAVIS. Reward. (20)

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Two south furnished rooms.—TOM DUNN, Decatur. (21)

LEGUME CROPS ON DAIRY FARM NEED

Dairy farmers need a legume hay in the feeding ration to maintain the milk flow. Alfalfa and clover are used where such crops may be grown. Here resort may be made to cow-peas with success, and it should be done. Cut the hay when the pods are turning yellow with a mowing machine, cure and bale. Farmers who do this do not have to spend so much money for cotton-seed meal, which is the same kind of feed as cow-peas. Cow-peas build up the land also. They are money makers and savers. Plant lots of cow-peas now. Also plant some stock beets, pie melons, sweet potatoes and pumpkins to feed the stock a juicy feed when the grass is dried in the summer.

It's to be a big cotton planting year; therefore, plant lots of feed of every kind and make and save money this year.

A destructive hail storm visited the Audobon section Monday night and destroyed acres of cotton. A section west of town was seriously damaged and it will be necessary for a number of farmers to replant their crops. It is said that in the Audubon region the hail-stones were as large as the fist of a man, and that several houses were damaged by stones.

URGENT CALL FOR USE OF FERTILIZER

Alfred Phillips reports that last year he used a little commercial fertilizer under and around most every kind of crop he had growing on the place, and especially around the vegetables growing in the garden. He was well pleased with the results and has bought another thousand pounds the most of which he will use in connection with his cotton crop.

A car of fertilizer is now being sold out by Lillard & Company for demonstration purposes here at a price that admits of scarcely any profit to the dealers. Mr. Lillard is personally very much interested in having farmers continue experiments with the material in a small way so that we in this country may learn its value. Doubt still exists that the material will pay a profit on black land, but in connection with sandy land there is no room for doubt. The fertilizer will supply the plant food necessary to successful growth of crops on that kind of land.

Already most of the car has been contracted for, and if any farmers want to try a small lot on their places they should be in haste about calling for the material.

The street building force is this week re-graveling the public square.

Why---

Are more than fifty electric washers in use in Decatur?

The Answer---

Highest quality machines, the ease of operation, cost of current practically nothing.

WE SELL 'EM ON EASY TERMS
IF DESIRED!

Wise County Electric Co.

STORE NEWS

AT

ASSOCIATED STORES

PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY
UNINCORPORATED

Sheep and goat went out to the pasture;
Sheep said: "Goat, can't you go a little faster!"

The Wool Growers Association of Wise County had about twenty thousand pounds of wool on the street of Decatur yesterday. Around eight thousand dollars in cash was paid for this clip. With two clippings per year, at this rate, sixteen thousand dollars per year. Our hat is off to the Wool Growers Association of Wise County!

MORE SHEEP MORE WOOL—MORE WOOL MORE MONEY
MORE MONEY BETTER ALL-WOOL CLOTHES!

Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits Are All Pure Wool

We carry them in the young men's, regulars, stubs, stouts and slims models, in serges, tropical worsteds—all the light weight fabrics for summer—

\$29.50 and up.

Extra trousers to match at small additional cost.

We have those straw hats here.
Duplex safety razor with each hat free.



Phoenix Socks. They are guaranteed. Pure thread silk Price 75c per pair.

A new shipment of Sure-Fit caps this week—\$1.95 to \$3.50.

Phoenix socks, they are guaranteed, lisle thread, three pair—\$1.00.

English broad-cloth shirts, with or without collars—\$2.95.

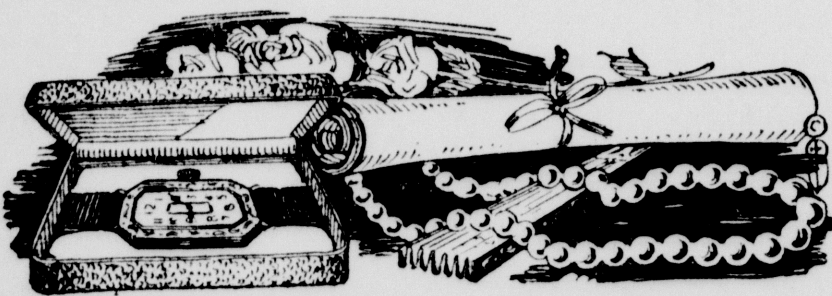
Extra all-wool trousers—\$4.50 to \$7.50

Palm Beach pants—\$3.95 to \$4.50

You can't beat 'em—Kerry Kut real athletic union suits—\$1.00.

Arrow brand shirts positively will not shrink—\$1.95 to \$3.50.

"A Drug Store for Forty-Eight Years!"



Gifts That Last

Gift of gifts for the graduate—the gift that lasts—is jewelry. Be it a watch, necklace, mesh bag, vanity or ring—its lasting quality makes it most certain to be appreciated for years to come. See our graduation gift display for suggestions.

EAGLE DRUG HOUSE
—The Rexall Store—

—“Where Price and Quality Meet”—

ASSOCIATED STORES

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DOUGLASVILLE

H. S. Ford was in Fort Worth on business last Tuesday.

Walter Looney has gone to Olney for a few weeks' stay.

Bob Brown of Rhone, was a guest of homefolks this week-end.

Miss Eber Stockton was a visitor of Mrs. Clarence Boyd Tuesday morning.

Misses Thelma and Jewel Randolph have been visiting their cousins this week.

H. S. Ford and family were guests of relatives and friends in Bridgeport Sunday.

Edward Morris of Fort Worth, was buried here in the Aurora cemetery Monday.

Misses Melba and Edith Ford were visitors in Bridgeport from Sunday until Tuesday.

Mrs. E. T. Ford and daughter, Miss Gladys, spent Monday afternoon here visiting relatives.

Mrs. L. R. Randolph and children and Miss Blanche Butler visited relatives here Monday.

L. R. Douglas and wife and their nephew, E. L., were visitors here on Tuesday afternoon.

Misses Gertie Dacus and Blanche Butler spent Tuesday afternoon with Miss Eber Stockton.

T. E. Byrom and family, Floyd Byrom and family attended church at Rhone Sunday night.

J. E. Norman and family motored to Weatherford Sunday. They reported an enjoyable trip.

Alton Ford accompanied the Boyd quartet to Allison Sunday, where they attended an all-day singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lisby and family and Mrs. Alice Ford were visitors Sunday afternoon of M. M. Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Douglas of Rhone, were visitors of H. S. Ford and family last Thursday afternoon.

Visitors of E. F. Smith Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. M. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Looney and daughter, Inez.

Misses Epsie and Etta Mae Harwell and Ina Ford were Sunday guests of Bessie and Florence Randolph.

Messrs. M. Holt, John Harris, Joe Sparks and Hayden Looney of Rhone were fishing here in the Trinity river Tuesday.

GREENWOOD NEWS

Mrs. Fred Milligan was in Fort Worth Monday.

Mrs. Terry Williams is visiting friends in Oklahoma.

Arch, Blake, Steve and Lory Arnold of Denton, visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Clement and baby of Brumlow, are guests of Miss Ethel Richardson.

Eland Caddell and wife of Electra, spent the week-end with Charlie Montgomery.

Mrs. Glenn Faust of Eldorado, Oklahoma, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Armstrong.

Mrs. W. B. Rutherford and children of Blue Grove, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wick Rutherford.

Don't forget about Saphronia's wedding to be presented by the Baptist ladies next Saturday night, May 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Moser and Dewey Moser of Dallas, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Moser, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack London of Arlington, on May 8th, a daughter, Mrs. London was formerly Miss Katherine Maxwell of this place.

Reed of Decatur, filled the pulpit Sunday morning and evening at the Baptist church, in the absence of Brother C. C. Griffith.

Sheriff's Sale.

The state of Texas, county of Wise: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain pluries execution issued out of the honorable county court of Dallas county, on the 23rd day of April, 1924, by W. S. Stiles, clerk of said court, for the sum of one hundred twenty-four and no one-hundredths (\$124.00) dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Magnolia Petroleum Company, in a certain case in said court, No. 12424, and styled Magnolia Petroleum Company vs. R. L. Fitzgerald and H. J. Roth, placed in my hands for service, I, W. M. Workman, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 5th day of May, 1924, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: One hundred sixty acres of land out of the J. J. Golsion survey, being the part set apart to H. J. Roth in partition of the lands of J. Roth among his four children, and being subdivision No. 1, of blocks No. 6 and 7 said survey, and levied upon as he property of H. J. Roth, and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1924, the same being the 3rd day of said month, at the court house door, of Wise county in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution, I will sell above described real estate at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said H. J. Roth.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of May, 1924.—W. M. WORKMAN, sheriff of Wise county, Texas. By George Gage, deputy. (May 9-23.)

LONE STAR NEWS

Mrs. Jesse Newton is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Philips of Bowie, spent Sunday with Mrs. M. A. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rawle spent Sunday with their mother in the Valley View community.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thomas spent Sunday with Mrs. Thomas' parents in the Thomas community.

John and Joe Barnett of West Academy, spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Minnie Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Mowery and family spent Sunday with her father in the Valley View community.

On account of an all-day service at Cuba, there will not be any singing at this place Sunday afternoon.

WHITE HILL NEWS

Pastor Edd Bullard filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church here Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Nora Magness, Jewell Magness and Edith Luther attended the singing at Lake Valley Sunday afternoon.

Dewitt Swaim of Fort Worth, visited friends here Saturday night and Sunday. He returned home Monday.

Misses Sibyl Swaim and Grace McPherson were Sunday guests of Miss Myrtle Washburn.

Barney House of Wichita Falls, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. House, Sunday.

Lee Washburn and son, Odie, attended Mother's Day program at Alvord Sunday night.

Miss Willie Cochran is recovering from a case of the measles.

Next Sunday, May 18th, is our regular singing evening. Everybody invited to come and help us out in our singing.

Harris Luther left Saturday for Smackover, Arkansas, where he will join his brother, Virgil.

FLATWOODS NEWS

Miss Fannie Bridges of Decatur, spent the week-end at home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Young visited in Paradise community last Sunday.

Miss Selma Taylor from Loveland, Oklahoma, has been visiting friends here.

Uncle Jim Young's visiting in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Birt Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong visited their daughter, Mrs. Bill Jones, last Sunday.

Some from this community attended the singing at Arnold Chapel last Sunday.

D. O. Lawrence was down on his farm Sunday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wood.

Miss Ollie Maud Walker spend several days in Decatur last week, the guest of relatives.

Little Emmagene Goodger spent last week with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Miller.

Dinner guests at Bart Miller's last Sunday were J. F. Womack and wife, Leo Keoninger and wife and Herman Goodger and family.

SLIDELL NEWS

Mrs. Beryl Johnson and son, Jack, have gone back to Dallas.

Burnice Pannell went to Denton on business late Sunday afternoon.

T. E. Hall was in Decatur, Denton and Fort Worth Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Doyle, who live near Gainesville, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. E. Hammock, Misses Nola and Hassie Doyle were in Sanger last week on business.

Mrs. L. M. Hayes and daughter, Mrs. Christian, were in Denton last week on business.

L. M. Atcheson was called Sunday night to the bedside of his father, who is very ill at Denton.

The grammar grades play, "Miss Neptune," was rendered at the school auditorium last Saturday night.

J. M. Balthrop, H. H. Hall and Jim McKinney are hauling cotton to Fort Worth this week for Alfred Pruett.

Misses Thelma Jameson of Decatur and Mary Ballard of Boyd, spent last Sunday with King Butler of Slidell.

Andy Malone, whose barn burned a few weeks ago, has made great progress on building the structure back.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hall are staying with Aunt Alice Fletcher, while Mr. Fletcher is in Decatur having his eyes treated.

Erskin Fellers of Tula, Oklahoma, has come after his wife and baby, who have been visiting Mrs. Fellers' father, C. O. Pruett.

Misses Monnie Dell Fortenberry and Faye Reid, who are attending Denton Normal, spent last week-end with their homefolks here.

Misses Eula Lewis and Aletha Balthrop, who are attending the Decatur Baptist College, spent the week-end with their parents, Messrs. and Mmes. A. H. Lewis and J. M. Balthrop.

Miss Virginia Freeman, who has been teaching school, had a serious attack of appendicitis last week. She was not able to teach for several days, Miss Emma teaching in her place.

Ellis Milligan was given a surprise birthday dinner Sunday. Mr. Milligan was sixty-one years old. Among all those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Drake and Mr. Carley of near Audubon; Mr. and Mrs. Burch and children of Denton. A good dinner was served to about thirty-five people.

With the Coming of Summer—

You should have our winter clothes washed and ironed and lay them away.

Quilts, Blankets, etc.

Should be cleaned before storing them away for next winter's use. Send them to us, and they will be returned to you in the

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way, which insures cleanliness.

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Adding to Expenses Costs You Money

By law public utilities like this company are entitled to a fair return on the value of their properties. That means that after all expenses are paid there must be a reasonable profit left for the people who have invested that money. Rates are fixed on that basis.

Consequently unnecessary expenses are a direct drain upon the customer's pocket. In the gas companies these expenses are often piled up by thoughtless acts of the consumer—in a few cases by deliberate injury.

Of the former one common trouble is in reading the meter. Meter readers sometimes have to call several times to see the dial. Each call adds an overhead expense that must be paid by all consumers. Wilful injury of meters isn't common, but it isn't unusual either.

Theft of gas, too, adds to the general cost, so that stealing of gas is taking money from the other consumers in the long run.

Your co-operation with your gas company helps to hold down expenses, and low expenses mean low gas rates—a matter that interests you greatly.

LONE STAR GAS CO.
DALLAS, TEXAS

Herbert Ferguson of Wichita Falls, is here on business.

School closes here Friday with a picnic and field day on the school campus. The pupils are fixing and decorating their rooms for a display of their work. There will be dinner served on the campus, and everyone is invited to come. We are expecting a large crowd and a very delightful day.

The Slidell school graduates were served a six o'clock dinner at the home of Wallace Gregg Sunday evening. The following were served dinner: Misses Opal Landers, Emma Freeman, Thelma Conner, Lorene Doyle, Evel Pruett, Stella Gunner and Salvie Parson; Messrs. J. L. Razor and Carl Atcheson; Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Rudd.

The commencement sermon was preached at the Baptist church last Sunday night, May 11th, at eight o'clock, by J. L. Razor of Denton. There was a large crowd out for the service. The church was decorated very beautifully, and the graduation class marched in by a wedding march. The trustees and teachers were seated with the graduates. There were some young people from Denton Normal who rendered music for the crowd.

The following couples enjoyed the dinner at Plainview Sunday: Alma Matthews and Otto Pannell, Opal Landers and Jew Burton, Evel Pruett and Hubert Redding, Eula Lewis and Lynn Rudd, Jewell Malone and Carl Atcheson, Elna Balthrop and Joe Gibbs, Edna Buttrill and Alvin Sitz.

Lorene Doyle and David Rudd, Emma Freeman and Burnice Pannell, Virginia Freeman and Jess Hopkins, Sarah Parson and Dewey Rainey, Stella Gunter and Clarence Vaughn, Lillian Barrett and Herbert Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Rudd were chaperons.

ALLISON NEWS

Miss Juanita Wilhite of Greenwood, spent the week-end with Mrs. Lottie Patton.

Miss Maris Snow and Billie Day were happily united in marriage on Sunday, May 4th.

Ed Young and Miss Margie Lowance were married in Decatur last Saturday afternoon.

Two school plays were given here last week at the close of schools. Everyone enjoyed them.

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The real name of Kameneff, vice-president of Russia, is Rosenfeld.

RUPTURE EXPERT HERE

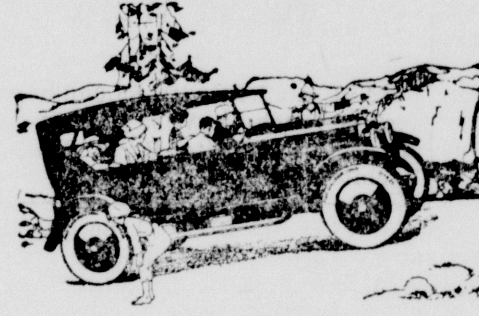
F. H. Seeley of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, will personally be at the Westbrook Hotel and will remain in Fort Worth Tuesday and Wednesday only, May 20th and 21st. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spermatic Shield will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, but contracts the opening in ten days on the average case. Being a vast advancement over former methods, exemplifying instantaneous effects immediately appreciable and with-standing any strain or position no matter the size or location. Large or difficult cases, or incisional ruptures (following operations) specially solicited. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, injections, medical treatments or prescriptions. Warning—All cases should be cautioned against the use of any elastic or web truss with under-straps, as same rest where the lump is and not where the opening is, producing complications and necessitating surgical operations. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States government, Washington, D. C. for inspection. He will beglad to demonstrate without charge or fit them if desired. Business demands prevent stopping at any other place in this section.

P. S.—Every statement in this notice has been verified before the federal and state courts.—F. H. Seeley.

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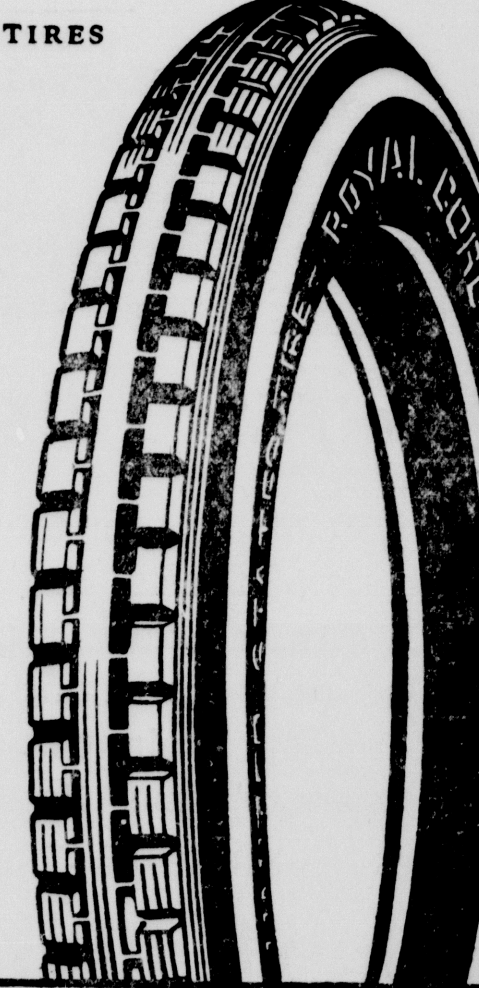
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